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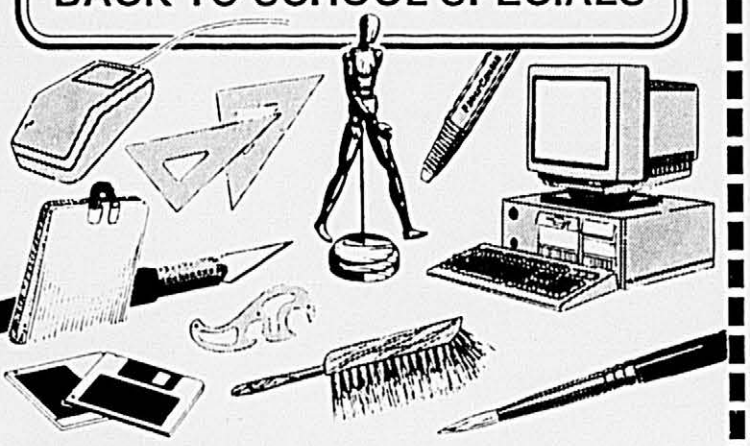
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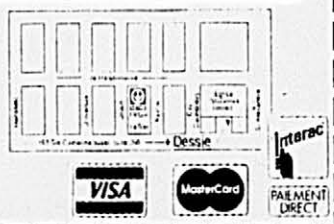
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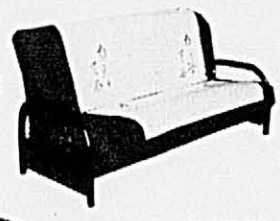
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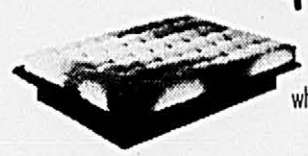
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Poli Sci students crammed in classes

BY OTTO LIM

Because only 40% of the courses listed in the course calendar are offered this year, many Political Science students are forced to sit in overcrowded classes. Some students even sit on the floor, stairs, and out the doors of lecture halls.

A U3 Political Science student, who requested anonymity, said that he's never seen anything like this before in the Political Science department. He scheduled three Political Science classes which were subsequently cancelled.

"Two of my Political Science classes are both really overpopulated and I've heard from several people in the classes that hardly anything is offered this year, and you have to take what you can get," he remarked. "Students aren't getting the variety they're entitled to as students of McGill. They come to McGill expecting to be able to take classes in a wide variety of subjects. They find that whole areas aren't available this year. For a school like McGill which is supposed to be such a prestigious school, it's just inexcusable," the student added.

Matt Baird, U3 Political Science major and Canadian Studies minor, said he believes that the Political Science department is unorganized.



Student enroled with political science depart.

"In early July, we got an update on what the course changes were but none of the last minute changes were on that list. You go to your courses to find out they're not being offered. If you do sign up for another course, they're not going to give you any leniency because the department screwed up," he commented.

"The department has basically taught everyone how the bureaucracy works and how to get through red tape. You really have to do everything on your own there because they don't help you out at all. If that's the purpose of the Political Science department, they've definitely done that. They've showed you how they can screw you," he continued.

A graduate teaching assistant in the Political Science department, who requested not to be identified, said, "the dearth of courses [is] significant.

"It's important for undergrads to have a good relationship with T.A.'s but it's difficult if you're teaching a class of 30 when the class limit is 20 students," he noted.

Out of the 106 undergraduate courses listed in the Department of Political Science timetable, 42 courses are not offered this year. At the graduate level, 23 courses have been eliminated from the 56 graduate courses listed.

A main reason for the substantial cancellations in courses is the number of faculty members on leave or sabbatical. Out of a faculty roster of 21, six are on full-year leave and three are on semester leave. In addition, two faculty members retired last year.

Elisabeth Gidengil, Chair of the Political Science department, acknowledged that there are problems with faculty members on leave.

"You have to accept the fact that the department doesn't get sabbatical replacement funds. So we're really limited in our ability to find people to replace the faculty members on leave. What we will be doing is sitting down and planning for the long-term so we won't get all sabbaticals coming in one year again. It is a case of learning from experience," Gidengil said.

"The Political Science department has one of the highest student-faculty ratios (within the Arts faculty) so we're one the most poorly placed when it comes to the number of students per faculty member. It translates into other sorts of problems, like the sheer number of students in some of our courses. It's obviously higher than what we would like to have," she added.

Last year, the Political Science Students' Association was made aware of the number of faculty members who were going to be on leave and lobbied on behalf of its students to address the issue.

Irene Bloemraad, Vice-President of Finance of PSSA, said, "the decision was beyond the hands of Hudson Meadwell [last year's Chair of Political Science] because sabbatical leaves are decided by the Faculty of Arts and approved by the Board of Governors so he couldn't do much."

"We are trying to set up a system where we would try to prevent this from happening in future years. Unfortunately, the same problem might happen next year because the other half of professors are up for sabbatical leave...

We've already talked to the Chair, Elisabeth Gidengil, and she says, personally, she's very worried about this as well. She's going to have some incentives to get professors not to take their sabbatical year or to only take a half sabbatical," she continued.

The PSSA also plans to bring the issue of sabbaticals to a Senate Committee this year.

Student protest finally pays off

New chair's plans look promising

BY ROBIN PERELLE

It has been a long and frustrating fight, but students in the African Studies Program are finally going to get their wish.

In a significant concession to student opinion, the new chair of the interdisciplinary African Studies Committee, Professor Myron Echenberg, has promised that the major degree will not be cut.

While a new proposal to create an African Studies minor should be introduced next month, it will be designed to supplement, not replace, the existing major.

"I am going to propose to the committee that we initiate steps to create an African Studies minor, but at the same time continue and strengthen the major program," said Echenberg in a recent interview. "The addition of one does not require the demise of the other," he insisted.

In fact, Echenberg says it's about time the growing number of students interested in the study of Africa, but enrolled in other majors, were given the opportunity to get a minor and have their extra efforts recognized.

The decision to expand rather than cut African Studies represents a striking reversal of position, for only six months ago the Committee was threatening to reduce the program from a major to a minor.

Last spring's move sparked instant outrage in the student community, especially since members of the Black Students' Network had worked hard to broaden the program's curriculum only two years earlier.

To ensure that student needs don't get ignored again, Professor Echenberg hopes to get more students involved at the decision-making level of the curriculum committee. "I've been a member of the African Studies Committee for a while so I don't want to be too critical... but we did lose touch with the major students," said Echenberg. "Most departments have student representation, it's a democratic given," he added.

While he admits the African Studies Program still faces some problems such as anticipated retirements, the new chair insists that he will do his best to maintain the program and its African content.

"This is what the student community wants," said Echenberg, referring to the maintenance of the program. "They consider it an important area of study and so do we. We don't want to see it cut back anymore."

Equity subcommitte for LBG issues?

BY CHERIE PAYNE

Supporters of McGill's lesbian, bisexual, and gay communities are working with Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Gays of McGill Administrator Chris Carter to establish an equity subcommitte on LBG issues.

The campaign began when Carter wrote a letter to the SSMU executive asking for its backing on the project. Carter felt that his request was well received.

"I don't think there'll be any problem with the equity commission starting [the subcommittee]," he noted.

However, SSMU VP University Affairs Jen Small was cautiously optimistic.

"Right now it's speculation. When you want to start a new subcommittee, you need to consult everyone," she stressed. "Students do see the need [for an LBG equity subcommitte], so that's why we're investigating the possibility."

There are currently three subcommittees under the equity commission. These cover the issues concerning women, visible minorities and Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. The LBG subcommittee would be modeled after these subcommittees. Thus it would be involved in formulating a harassment code like the sexual or racial harassment codes.

Carter stated that he hoped the code would not focus solely on homophobic violence, but would emphasize how lesbians, bisexuals and gays are excluded from curricula as well.

In this way, the LBG subcommitte would provide a formal mechanism for students and other members of the McGill community to have university leaders address complaints of homophobia. It is hoped that the subcommittee will act as a basis from which activists can lobby for more inclusive curricula, and an end to homophobia on campus.


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LBGM's Chris Carter goes before SSMU.

Carter noted that one of the first things the subcommittee would be involved in would be to gather evidence that homophobia exists on campus. Although it is widely acknowledged amongst students that the men's washrooms on campus are often sources of anti-gay graffitti, formal complaints need to be launched in order to convince the McGill administration that there is a problem.

Liberals stepping up drug war

Parliament considering "American-style" drug bill

BY AUBREY COHEN

A severe new bill has passed two readings in the House of Commons. If enacted, it would tighten the penalties for drug-related offences and allow the police greater powers to catch people involved in the drug trade. It is now before a special committee. If it goes through one more reading, it will become law.

"[Bill C-7] is a fiasco from top to bottom... this is an American-style war on drugs bill," Bourque commented.

Among other things, the bill would reduce the threshold for drug trafficking, outlaw products which can be used in the production of illicit substances, outlaw "designer drugs" and "look-alike drugs" and allow police to sell drugs to set up busts.

The legislative summary states, "Bill C-7 would substantially increase the maximum amount payable in fines for posession." The proposed fine for the first infraction is: $2,000 or 6 months' imprisonment or both and, for subsequent offences: $5,000 or 1 year's imprisonment or both. The current legislation permits a maximum fine of $1,000 for the first offence and $2,000 for any subsequent offence.

One of the main clauses of the bill concerns the status of marijuana. According to the legislative summary of the bill, "Cannabis, though scientifically not a narcotic, would be slotted in that category [of Schedule I narcotics such as opium, morphine and cocaine]." Schedule I contains "those substances designated the most harmful."

Mescaline, LSD, DET, quaaludes and valium are among the Schedule II and III drugs, which were deemed less harmful. Nicotine and ethyl alcohol are "specifically excluded from the workings of the bill".

Although the bill deals with drugs in general, Mike Bourque, of Help End Marijuana Prohibition Canada, pointed out that marijuana is a major part of any drug legislation.

"Eighty percent of all the [drug] busts in Canada are for marijuana," he said

HEMP Canada is currently fighting the bill.

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Furthermore, "Any object used, designed, or intended to produce or introduce a controlled substance into a body would be treated as that illicit substance. This would facilitate the forfeiture of needles, scales and other apparatus."

"That [provision] is a diaster for needle-exchange programs," explained Bourque. Needle exchange programs have been instrumental in preventing the spread of HIV

"C-7 has been called by parliamenterians a 'poor lazy rewrite of Kim Cambell's failed drug bill [C-85].' The liberals ridiculed C-85 when they were in opposition," said Bourque.



Committee headed by "crusading redneck"

A committee was struck to review the bill and make recommendations to parliament. As it stands now, it looks as if the major provisions of the bill will make it through unaltered.

Paul Szabo, M.P. from Mississauga South, heads the committee. Bourque called Szabo a "clown" and described him as "the biggest anti-drug warrior there is."

"It's an insult to the legitimate experts to have this guy running the committee. It's a slap in the face of marijuana smokers who expect their government to have experts making these decisions, not crusading rednecks."

Bourque said that experts who testified at the hearing, including representatives of the Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy, the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Bar Association, criticized the bill but, "after hearing them all, [Szabo] rejected the experts. Szabo might as well be paid by the anti-drug groups. He has totally ignored the experts."

When asked about the experts who criticized the legislation, Szabo stated, "Somebody said that the fines were going up and that was no good... I don't remember all of the points that every one of them raised."

He continued by saying that the experts who testified in favour of decriminalization of marijuana "were all out of order," as the committee had no authority to propose such a move.

"This bill does not propose any changes to the law on marijuana. The committee can't propose that... The government has reaffirmed it's position that it is not in favor of decriminalizing marijuana."

Bourque called such statements by Szabo, "a slick political move."

Decriminalization: the real solution?

Bourque commented that toughening the regulations on drugs was a step in the wrong direction and cited European drug decriminalization as an example of sucessful drug policy.

"[As a result of European drug legalization,] Drug use is down, crime is down, the expense of fighting a war on drugs is gone, It worked. The war on drugs is a failure... We have a chance to reform our failed drug policy, to take a step into the future and we're not taking it."

Bourque has not given up the fight to do in bill C-7.

"We're talking [about] a major protest at Paul Szabo's office and a major letter-writing campaign... This bill has got to die," he said.

HYDE PARK

Facing the challenge

Opinion submitted by Jason Switzer, U3 Civil Eng

For many of us, this week marked the beginning of the greatest challenge many of us will ever face. We are told that these will be the best days of our lives.

As my friends and I enter our fourth year, we have taken on the responsibility of passing on what we have learned. The goal I have set myself is to spark debate about the state of the environment. The greatest danger the environmental movement faces today is misinformation and misguided action.

As an engineering student, I have been told that it should be my role to maintain and improve the infrastructure of our society. As an engineer, I can tell you that the infrastructure is in trouble.

We are in the worst period of mass extinction in the history of the world. We are polluting our freshwater, we are contaminating our food, we are losing our precious topsoil at a frightening rate, we may be damaging the ozone layer which protects us from the sun and we may be changing the very climate in which we live. Our population growth is out of control.

David Suzuki, noted geneticist environmentalist, and host of *The Nature of Things* on the CBC, illustrates the problem like this: Picture a test tube filled with sugar water, containing a lone bacteria. The bacteria consumes the sugar to survive, and produces waste. Every second it divides. Every second the population doubles.

At thirty seconds the test tube is half-filled. A bacteria-scientist realizes that the bacteria are consuming sugar and producing waste too quickly for natural processes to handle. The bacteria are in danger of overpopulating the test tube. In spite of the warning, little is done as the test tube is only half-full. Plenty of time remains to make the necessary changes. At thirty-one seconds, the population doubles again. The test tube is full.

I believe that we are capable of avoiding that fate. I believe that each of us can make a difference.

University is a place where our eyes and minds are opened. But we alone determine the quality of our education. Education is not confined to the classroom and the greatest lessons you will learn will have little to do with what you came here for.

I challenge you to seize the day. Get involved in and around campus. Ask questions. If you are not satisfied with the answers you receive, find your own. In order for our society to survive, we will have to fundamentally change the way we live, the way we do business, and the way we think. That begins with examining your actions and motivations.

Take action now, for, as Michael Chrichton said in Jurassic Park, we are not in danger of destroying the world, only ourselves.

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Activist handbook hits McGill

QPIRG student guide under review

BY CHERIE PAYNE

Last week, a Québec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) sponsored alternative handbook, *School Schmool: An alternative Guide to McGill* debuted on campus. The guide was conceived by two students, Kristen Andrews and Dave Ley, last spring, and was modeled after a similar guide found at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The goal of the book was to provide introductory information about activist organizations in and around McGill. The book was intended to cover those aspects of student life which are traditionally ignored by the SSMU handbook.

"We thought that a need existed for such a guide at McGill, but we saw a place for both [the SSMU handbook, and the alternative guide] on campus," Andrews explained.

SSMU handbook co-editors Don McGowan and Michael Broadhurst offered both praise and criticism of the guide.

"The layout is very nice. It generally looks good, and it includes a wealth of information," said Broadhurst. "The sections covering QPIRG, and the environment were very good, and deserve a place in the SSMU handbook in the future," he continued.

"I would be interested to find out who they thought would be reading the guide," McGowan said. "As a law student, I really don't feel that the guide spoke to me, and I don't think that it will be of significant interest to the majority of the McGill population. Still, it is a valuable resource because it contains a lot of information which is absent in other books."

School Schmool is broken into three chapters which discuss the structure of McGill University, how to be a student activist here and in Quebec in general, and how to take what is learned on campus outside of the Roddick Gates. The guide also contains lists of various activists groups.

"Although we were primarily targeting first year students, we wanted to strike a balance between covering basic politics and providing a useful resource guide for seasoned activists," stated Andrews.

But some student activists are critical of the guide's ability to speak to them. Former Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gays of McGill (LBGM) coordinator Kabir Ravindra was surprised at what he saw as the minimal coverage the guide book gave to LBG issues.

"After reading the handbook, my initial reaction was 'hey, how come there's no gay stuff in here?'" he said.

Ravindra noted that the book did address lesbianism under its safer sex guide, but was reluctant to give full praise to this inclusion. "Surely lesbians do more than have sex. Since this is an activists' guide to McGill, it should stress lesbian activism," he stated.

Ravindra was also disappointed in the guide's ability to demonstrate the link between homophobia and other forms of discrimination. He acknowledged the book's coverage of issues concerning racism and sexism, but felt that similar coverage of heterosexism was not given. "As a gay person of colour, I really feel more could have been done [in the book,] to link the oppressions that we face," he noted.

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— Kristin Andrews, Handbook Editor

"Last year, health services published a survey which indicated that about one quarter of McGill students are lesbian, bisexual, or gay. Addressing homophobia is of major importance on campus," he asserted. "You can't fight discrimination in a vacuum. To call this a guide to McGill is shortchanging the students."

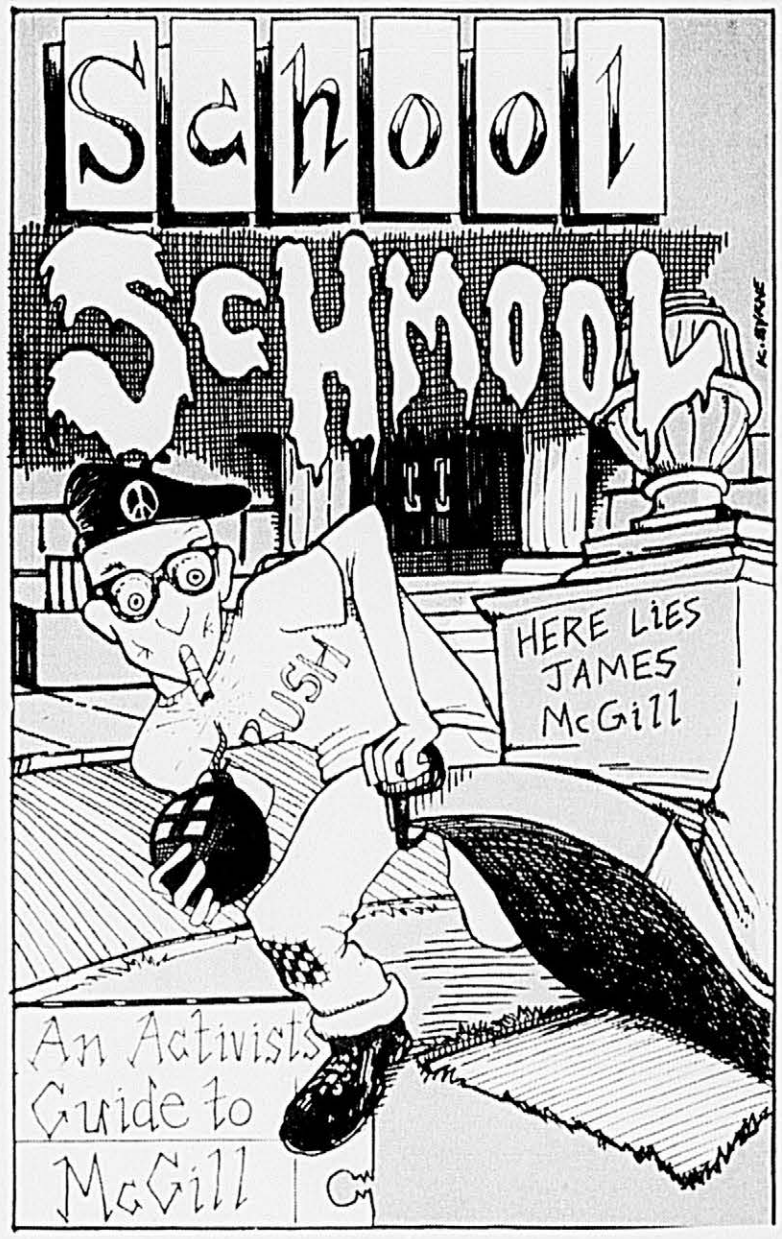
Andrews agreed candidly with Ravindra's criticisms.

"It's true," she admitted. "The lack of LBG coverage was a complete accident, and purely logistic. We had a lot of [LBG] stories assigned to one person, and unfortunately they just crashed. One of the main things we learned doing this guide is that it is a lot of work. I could see gaps in the guide as we were doing it, but in the end, it often came down to a lack of time. It came time to print, and the stories weren't here... I can only apologize," she conceded.

Still, Andrews is optimistic that improved alternative guides could be published in the future.

"QPIRG was very supportive of the book, and might be again in the future," Andrews noted. "I'd like to see it [an alternative handbook] continue, and to redefine its mandate even farther away from the typical handbook. It could become a manual on current events, rather than being so general."

School Schmool: An Activist's Guide to McGill *is available at the QPIRG office on the fifth floor of the Eaton building, and at lobbies throughout campus.*



School Schmool would have James McGill turning in his grave.

Tioxide Canada gets off easy

Environmental menace to pay $4 million

BY TAMAR MILSTEIN

Tioxide Canada, longtime polluter of the St. Lawrence River, recently cut a deal with the federal government. The subsidiary of Imperial Chemicals International pled guilty to 1993 charges brought against it by the Crown, and in return saw its fines reduced from the maximum $36 million to $4 million.

Tioxide violated six counts of the Canadian Fisheries Act in the production of titanium pigment at its former Tracy, Quebec plant. The government had ordered this plant to be shut down because Tioxide failed to fulfill its own five-year plan to phase out production and build a new factory at Becancour. Sulfuric acid, the toxic byproduct of titanium, makes other pollutants soluble in water. These chemicals were killing fish and poisoning their habitat.

Environmental activists such as Daniel Green of Société pour Vaincre le Pollution (SVP) are appalled by what they consider to be a lapse of justice. Green said that "the government was ready to try the case" and he wondered why it did not continue with the prosecution.

"It is possible that the [prosecution] lawyer got cold feet," speculated Green.

He suggested that it was more likely that there was "political intervention from higher up" or a "fatal flaw in the Crown's prosecution." The environmentalist is trying to determine why the government would agree to the plea bargain if its case was strong. Guy Martin of Environment Canada, the chief inspector for the case, is confident that the government did all that it could.

"We had a guilty plea for $4 million; There wasn't anything else we could do," he said.

He stressed the severity of the $4 million fine, pointing out that the most severe sentence or court decision on an environmental offense in Canada involved a $175,000 fine. The $4 million fine is "something like 30 times what we would have had if we had gone in front of a whole trial," he noted. "SVP seems to criticize that we have made a deal with Tioxide, but they don't know what they are talking about," continued the government official.

He said that the environmentalists were "frustrated because they didn't see the [Tioxide] administrators in front of the court. But they were judged by justice and our senior administrators felt that the best deal for everyone was to accept a guilty plea."



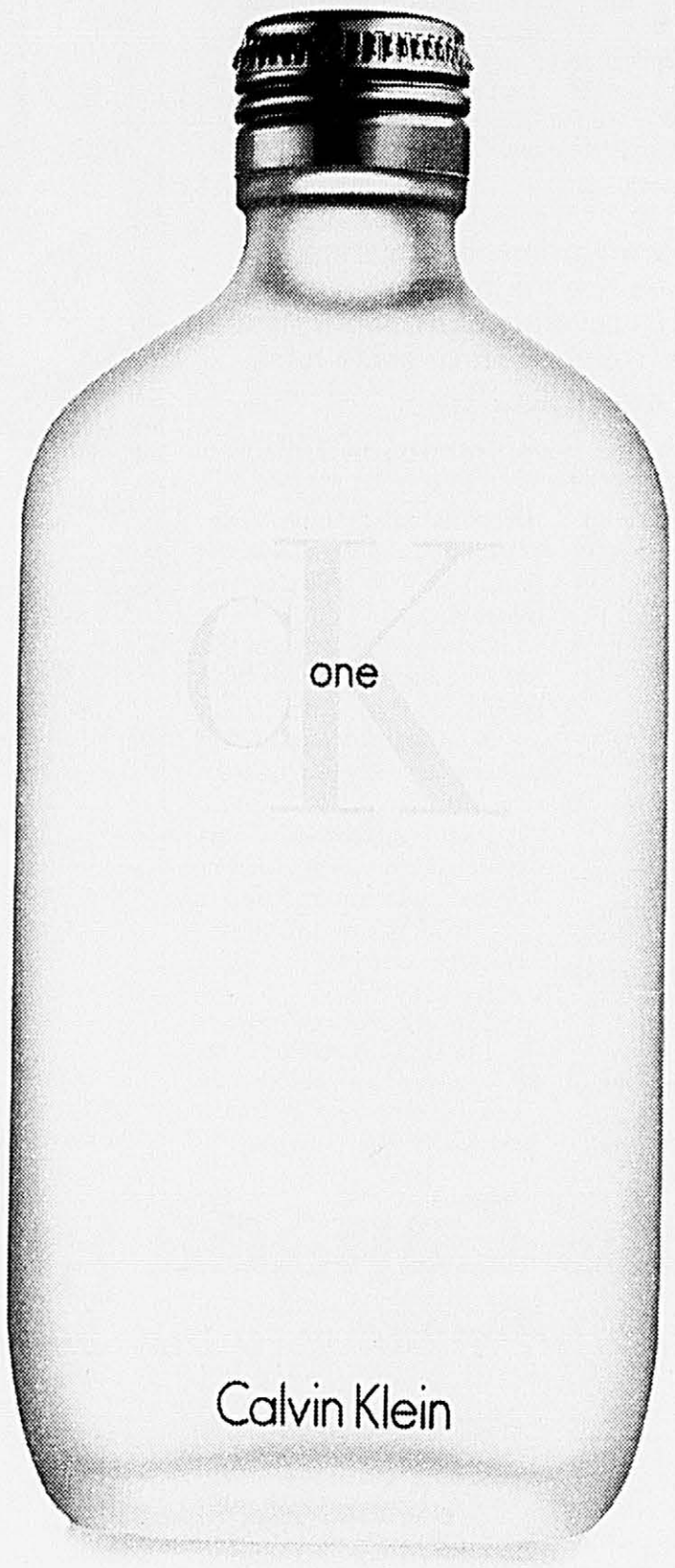
"The sky is certainly a beautiful blue today, isn't it, Miss Simkins? Check with production and see if something is wrong."

But Green was not convinced. "There's a lot of fishy things happening in the Tioxide case," he said. "This backdoor judicial system has occurred in the past, but never before in environmental cases."

In the meantime, SVP is working to convince the authorities to release all government documents on Tioxide and to petition Minister of Justice Alan Rock for a judicial review. The previous Justice denied the same request.

Green worries about what the government is communicating to companies. He said that the Tioxide plea bargain "sends a message to polluters in the St. Lawrence River. Don't worry if you're fined. Just get a high priced lawyer and you can weasel your way out." He reasoned that in a world where money buys freedom, the "fish don't have recourse. Who's going to defend the wildlife?"

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"SAVING" HAITI
and making the world safe for democracy

BY JOSÉE JOHNSTON

"Now the United States must protect our interests: to stop the brutal atrocities that threaten tens of thousands of Haitians; to secure our borders and preserve stability in our hemisphere; and to promote democracy...", said US president Bill Clinton in last Thursday's television address. On the same day a defence department spokesperson reported that all preparations for an invasion would be complete by the weekend.

Once again, the international community stands silent as the US moves to protect its own political and economic interests, meanwhile destroying the roots of a popular Haitian movement demanding participation in government. A US invasion may nominally return Aristide to power, but it is not likely to bring back hopes for a truly democratic government in the near future.

"Through most of American history, the U.S. military machine has rushed to the defence of U.S. geopolitical interests around the world. Are we to believe that it will be used for the exact opposite purpose in Haiti," questioned Reporter Jane Regan in the *Progress*.

A lack of support

And who exactly supports this invasion? On Septemer 15 the *New York Times* reported that an estimated two-thirds of Americans oppose an invasion. Clinton's television address last Thursday was designed to change public opinioon, and bouy up support for the invasion. It suceeded, but governmental support is still less than enthusiastic. Because of the lack of support by both Democrats and Republicans in the House, the matter has not even been put to a vote.

And, more importantly, no one seems to be asking the Haitian people.

On July 19th five major Haitian democratic organizations signed a document condemning any form of intervention or occupation. "Don't be fooled," it wrote. "This intervention will be made against the Haitian people, because it follows from the same logic as the coup d'état, simply put, to legitimize its principal gain under an international cover: the total erasure of the Haitian people from the political scene of their country."

Another report signed by 13 different popular organizations echoed this sentiment that same week.

"Two hundred years of domination by the pillaging upper class, nineteen years of direct U.S. occupation, and thirty-seven years of Macoute dictatorship prove to us that it is only the force of the people that will establish democracy in this country and permit it to enter into modernity without destroying ourselves and our environment".

Leading American dissident Noam Chomsky reported that the major peasant organizations, church coalitions, labour organizations, and the National Federation of Haitian Students have continued to call for a meaningful economic embargo.

Consider the US invasion record in both Grenada and Panama. Under the pretense of defending US security interests and "restoring democracy", the US proceeded to wipe out these country's armies and infrastructure, and replaced them with ones more amicable to US policy. It is difficult to believe that an American operation in Haiti could be any different.

The state of the Haitian military would make a US victory easy. The navy has only one ship with engines that work, an airforce with only one propeller plane that can fly, and six or seven rusted artillery pieces. Yet the proposed American force would have 20,000 American troops which would strike at multiple targets and endanger the lives of thousands of civilians. Is there perhaps a danger of over-kill?

The United States and Haiti have a long and troubled relationship. After Haiti won it's independence through a successful slave-led revolution, the United States refused to acknowledge Haiti until 1862. The U.S. invasion and occupation under Woodrow Wilson in 1915 reversed progress made towards a democratic constitution, concentrated state and military power, and left an enduring legacy of social stratification and American economic entrenchment in the island country.

Recently a United States Aid for International Development (USAID) document revealed American intentions of turning Haiti into the "Taiwan of the Caribbean", by planning an "historic change toward deeper market interdependence with the United States." A cheap labour force of mainly women - invaluable for manufacturing competitiveness - was an integral part of this vision. No unions, a low minimum wage, and the repressive tactics of the Duvalier regime made this strategy possible throughout the 1980s. During this decade wages declined by an astounding 56%, working conditions deteriorated, and popular protests erupted.

In 1985, Jean-Claude Duvalier was declared "President for Life" by an inconceivable 99.98%. Although some might suspect fraud, Reagan interpreted this as an indication of the progress of "democratic development" in Haiti. He thus continued giving military aid and refused to apply pressure to open the political system.

American support for the coup

In his internationally televised September 15 speech, Clinton continued to insist that the U.S. had done everything within their means to end the coup. "I have bent over backwards. I have used sanctions and everything else", said the president. The evidence at hand suggests otherwise.

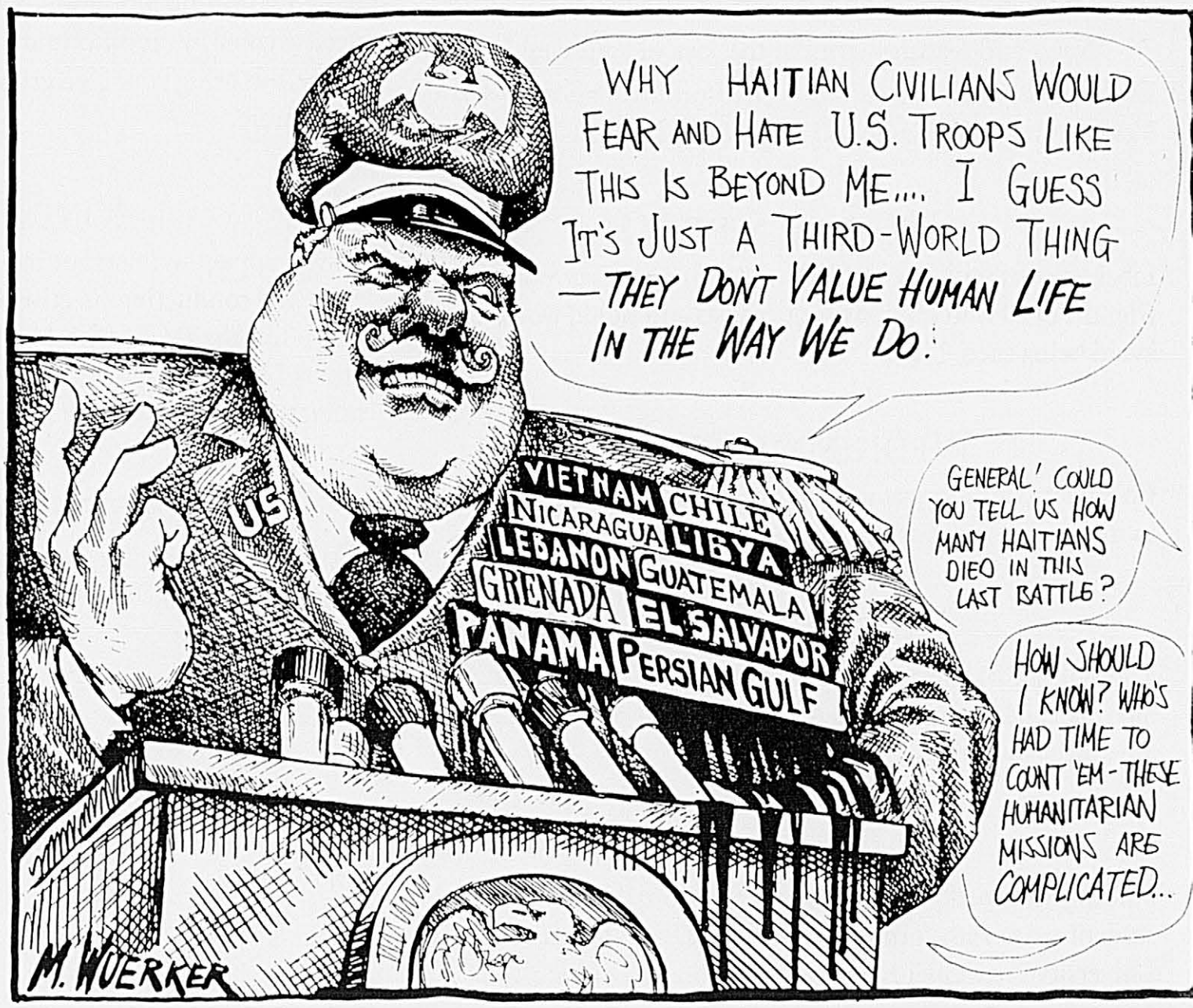
The *Progressive* reported that the CIA established and funded a unit of the Haitian police (Service d'Intelligence National) which oversaw widespread repression from 1986 to 1991. When Human Rights investigators asked Reagan's ambassador about reports of extreme government repression, he replied, "I don't see any evidence of a policy against human rights," explaining that any violence that did exist was really just "part of the culture".

The CIA also had many higher-level Haitian military men on it's payroll, including future coup-leader Lieutenant General Raoul Cédras.

When free elections were finally allowed in December of 1990, Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide came to power on the crest of a popular protest movement named Lavalas, winning 67% of the vote, despite tremendous American support given to the candidate of choice and former world bank official, Marc Bazin.

After the election Aristide was praised for finally giving the majority of Haitians a voice in politics and his efforts to restore the local economy. The number of refugees leaving Haiti decreased dramatically. Washington was less impressed, however, particularly by Aristide's plans to redistribute land to the Haitian peasantry and raise the minimum wage to 37 cents per hour.

With Aristide in power, suddenly the United States became interested in investigating human rights abuses in order to depict Aristide as a villain. According to the *Progressive*, a "Democracy Enhancement" program was set up "specifically designed to fund those sectors of the Haitian political spectrum where opposition to the Aristide governement could be encouraged". *The Progressive* reported that





USAID gave $26 million to elite business groups working against Aristide's popular economic reforms.

Eight months after being elected, Aristide's popular regime was toppled by a military coup led by Lieutenant General Raoul Cédras.

Military not to blame

The journal *Haiti Info* discovered a leaked cable circulated by the American ambassador to high officials. The cable dismissed charges that the military coup was leading to human rights violations, and instead charged that the "Haitian left manipulates and fabricates human rights abuses as a propaganda tool." The report dismissed accusations of military rapes by stating that "for a range of cultural reasons (not pleasant to contemplate) rape has never been considered or reported as a serious crime here."

Any problems of violence were due to "a high level of structural or endemic violence," which is just "part of the culture". Yet in spite of these vile and obviously racist statements, in the past week the Clinton administration has been bending over backwards to prove to the world and American citizens that the Haitian military has the worst human rights records in the hemisphere.

Furthermore, the coup members of the Haitian military have received numerous signals that they have the sympathy and support of the American government, even if they decide to reinstate the exiled Haitian president. Aristide's call to reduce the number of the military to 1,000 was ignored, and Clinton instead encouraged him to agree to a blanket amnesty for military leaders if he were to be reinstated.

The Catholic Church Press in Haiti was told by Father Antoine Adrien, a close associate of Aristide, that Haitian military officers had attended training in Fort Benning, Georgia in 1992, and that some were there as recently as October of 1993.

An internal Pentagon document confirmed that the Haitian military had received training before and after the coup in a program devoted to exposing "future leaders of foreign defence establishments" to "American values".

What Embargo?

In addition to providing military support, the United States has blocked the implementation of effective economic sanctions. No attempts have been made to close the nearby Dominican border which allows the free importation of goods.

In February of 1992 the Bush administration created an "assembly zone" loophole designed to allow the free importation of Haitian goods assembled from U.S. parts. In 1993, the *Financial Times* reported that U.S imports from Haiti actually increased by 50%.right in the middle of the US-led economic embargo. Export of food from Haiti to the United States (mainly nuts, melons, and citrus fruits) also increased, and the federal government also imported duty-free baseballs produced in Haiti.

This loophole, criticized by US labour unions and by Canada and France in the Security Council, was extended by Clinton after his election. Although the sanctions were tightened somewhat on May 21st, crucial loopholes remain open. Personal assets of coup supporters were not frozen, thereby allowing the wealthiest Haitian families to move freely in and out of the country. Meanwhile, grassroots organizations and supporters of Aristide have either been silenced by the militay repression, or have been forced to flee the country.

Is this Orwellian double-speak at its best?

Is America defending human rights or the status quo? Are they going in to protect Haitian lives or American economic interests? "Promoting democracy" in Haiti seems more like giving old American friends a democratic face-lift.

"Only one option remains for those with a stake in preserving the status quo" says Jane Regan. "A military intervention and occupation to ensure that a returned Aristide remains weak and powerless as he finishes out his term, and to prevent the popular movement from gaining back the ground it won in 1993".

Women in the news

BY CHERIE PAYNE

Feminist poet receives death threat

This summer, Taslima Nasrin, a feminist novelist and poet from Bangladesh, sparked religious and political turmoil in that country. She has publicly challenged traditional feminine gender roles, and focuses specifically on Islamic taboos on female sexuality. Incensed Muslim militants responded by organizing strikes and protest rallies, some with up to 200, 000 supporters.

On June 4, Nasrin, 32, was forced to go into hiding in Sweden, after the Bangladeshi government charged her with defaming Islam. But Nasrin says that her criticisms have been with sharia, Islamic law, and not the Koran. Nonetheless, some misogynists continue to demand her death.

—source: *New York Times*

UN population conference

The international conference in Cairo this month took a pro-women stance. The UN's 113 page "plan of action" argues that raising the status of women, and ensuring our reproductive rights is the best way to control the world's population growth. In an interview with Southam news correspondant Norma Greenway, ambassador Lionel Hurst of Antigua confirmed the feminist stance of the plan.

"In many ways, the United Nations is blazing a new trail for women," he stated.

Critics expected that the plan would have a great deal of support from the 180 countries at the conference, but they were not surprised by the Vatican's condemnation of it. The Vatican had refused to join majority opinion at two previous population conferences, because it has an anti-abortion stance. The Catholic institution is also opposed to artificial contraception.

After much negotiation, however, supporters of the Pope agreed to parts of the plan. Although it refused to endorse the chapters pertaining to the availability of safe abortions, reproductive rights, and health and family-planning services, the Vatican did endorse other parts of the plan to control population.

The Vatican's stance was supported by about 12 Catholic and Muslim countries. Still, the plan was approved at the end of the conference, and traditional donors like Canada, the United States, Japan, and Europe are expected to donote most of the estimiated $17 billion it will take to implement pro-women recommendations.

—source: The *Gazette* and Canadian Press

AIDS spreading among straight women

At the Krever commission into Canada's blood supply this summer, AIDS expert Dr. Ian Bowmer cautioned that Newfoundland is experiencing a "second wave" of AIDS cases, which has been affecting mainly women. Newfoundland has had 143 HIV cases since 1984. Forty two people developed AIDS, and 33 have since died. Current statistics show that the province has one infected woman for every five infected men, but that the national average is one to 15.

—source: *Globe and Mail*

New book: Fatal Women: Lesbian Sexuality and the Mark of Aggression

A recent book by feminist scholar Lynda Hart attempts to explore popular depictions of female aggression by linking sexism to female acts of violence. The killer described in the book, Aileen Wuornos, is a bisexual women and part-time prostitute who is also a serial killer. She has been charged with armed robbery possession of a concealed weapon. In 1989 she was charged with the murder of a man, and has been charged with the murder of six others. These murders took place on highways where Wuornos tried to get tricks. Wournos asserted that she was acting as a prostitue when the murders took place. Although there has been no evidence that six of the seven men Wuornos killed were trying to solicit sex, Hart argues that Wuornos' murders were appropriate because she represents "all women who have been vilified, pathologized and murdered for defending themselves by what ever means necessary." But feminist critic Patricia Pearson disagrees. "It is no gain for feminist scholarship to celebrate the murder of men," she stated in a review for the *Globe and Mail.*

Indian law checks abortion of female fetuses

This summer, a new law was passed in India which provides penalties of three years imprisonment, and a fine of $415 for those guilty of using prenatal tests in order to determine the sex of a fetus. This is a step forward for those women's groups in India which have been lobbying the government for years to loosen restrictions on women's reproductive health. The abortion of female fetuses in India has become so widespread in the past 20 years that the ratio of men to women in India is now sharply in favour of men.

But some critics in India say that the law could actually restrict women's rights. They are angered by the provision in the law which allows for the prosecution and fining of women who take prenatal tests. The new law will affect clinics, labs, and hospitals which offer ultrasound and amniocentesis tests to pregnant women. Once the law takes effect, the tests will only be legal for women over 35, and those with medicaly certified reasons.

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Group action

A guide to the world of Montréal collectives

BY JEANNA STEELE

If you have been sniffing around McGill for an organization to belong to, or for a specific resource, you might be surprised to find that what you're looking for is right under your nose. Montréal offers an abundance of resources which may not be available to you at McGill.

Anti-Racism Groups

•The Black Theatre Workshop promotes Black Repertory Theatre by encouraging the development of Black art and culture through the theatre. It is open to volunteers on most levels and includes internships as stage managers, directing assistants and more. Workshops are also offered throughout the year. They are located at 1827 St. Catherine W., suite 2 and can be reached at 932-1104

• The United Negro Improvement Agency (UNIA) deals with issues affecting Africa and people of the African diaspora. The office is located at 2741 Nôtre Dame.

• City of Montréal Permanent Commissions is involved with city administration, culture and community development, public works, housing, environment, economic development and ethics. 872-3770

• Association des Immigrants Latino Américains de Côte-des-Neiges is an information and referral service for Latin Americans. 737-3642

• Association Canadienne Libanaise-Syrienne du Québec is a community centre offering help to families in need and providing scholarships for students. Arabic lessons will begin in October. 40 Jean Talon E. 274-3583

• Canadian Palestinian Foundation is a social and cultural organization that works with refugees doing lobbying and social work. The Foundation runs an Arabic school for children. 956-1685

• Canadian Jewish Congress 1590 Dr. Penfield, 931-7531

• Jewish Information Referral Service 737-2221

• Centre Culturel Communautaire des Iraniens holds cultural activities, plays concerts and picnics. 3680 Jeanne Mance #323. 842-4626

• Chinese Family Services of Greater Montréal 842-5244

• Congress of Black Women of Canada 421-7151

• Corporaçion Culturelle Latino-Americana de la Amistad (COLCO) —Classes, translations, a women's discussion group and a food service. 748-0796

• India-Canada Association of Montréal and the Bharat Bhavan Foundation oraganize celebrations of special days including Mahatma Ghandi's birthday. 937-6887

• Intercultural Institute of Montréal has two publications: *Horizons Interculturels*, bilingual, twice a year; and *Iterculture*, a journal, four times a year. It also offers public education on First Nations issues and multiculturalism. 4917 St-Urbain. 288-7229

• La Societé de Tai Chi Taoiste du Canada specializes in Tai Chi, chi kung and other taoist arts. Annual membership is $20, prices for classes range from free to $42 monthly. Classes for all levels. 4510 St-Denis. 845-4376

First Nations

• If you're a Native person. or researching First Nations issues, you'll want to know about Montréal's Native Friendship Centre at 3730, Côte-des-Neiges, 937-5338

• The Mohawk Nation Office Kahnawake Branch is a resource centre with research available to students. 638-4750

• The Québec Native Women's Association is a provincial organization currently focusing on family violence and day care services for the native community around Montreal. 844-9618

Eating Disorders

• Overeaters Anonymous helps those with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive overeating. You will be connected with the resource person nearest you. 737-6167

Self-Defense

• ACTION is presented by the Montréal Assault Prevention Centre and is a traveling women's self-defense course based on Wen Do and taught by women instructors. 284-1212

• Chu Fen Do specializes in real-life self-defense and fear management. 11 courses are offered, some for women only. 372 Ste-Catherine St. W., #26. 398-9898

Environment

• Action Re-but promotes the three R's: reduce, reuse, recycle and opposes incineration. 398-7457

• Air Quality Information 873-3636

Other Activist Groups

• The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is a 24-hour emergency service for receiving animals. 5215 Jean Talon W. 735-2711

• Sun Youth accepts volunteers as well as Food and clothing donations. 842-6822

• One-Parent Families Association of Canada offers support groups and activities. 747-3806

• Consumer Protection, a consumer rights group, can be reached at 873-3701.

Physically Challenged

• Montréal Association for the Blind helps the visually impaired. Training in Braille is offered as well as employment services. 7000 Sherbrooke W. 489-8201

HIV/AIDS

• ACT-UP engages in direct action and public awareness. Meetings are on Wednesdays 7:30pm. 3600 Hôtel-de-Vilile. 527-2423

• AIDS Community Care Montréal offers a one-on-one buddy system for support and self-help for people with AIDS, as well as for their families and friends. Bereavement groups. The hot-line is confidential: 939-0075. General information: 287-3552

• Clinique Alternative provides confidential HIV testing, abortions, STD tests and medical treatment for people with HIV/AIDS. 2034 ST-Hubert. 281-9848

• Cactus Montréal offers a needle exchange, anonymous HIV testing and free condoms. 9:15pm-4am. 1209 Ste-Dominique. 954-8869

Queer Communities

• Bi-the Way is a bisexual women's discussion group. Women only meetings are held every Friday at 8pm with mixed gender discussions every third Friday of the month. Leanne, 849-8236.

• Yakdav is for Jewish gays and lesbians. Organizers can be reached at 487-2880

• Jeunesse Lambda, a gay youth group for persons 25 years and under, meets every Friday evening at 2006 Pleiss (corner Ontario). 528-7535

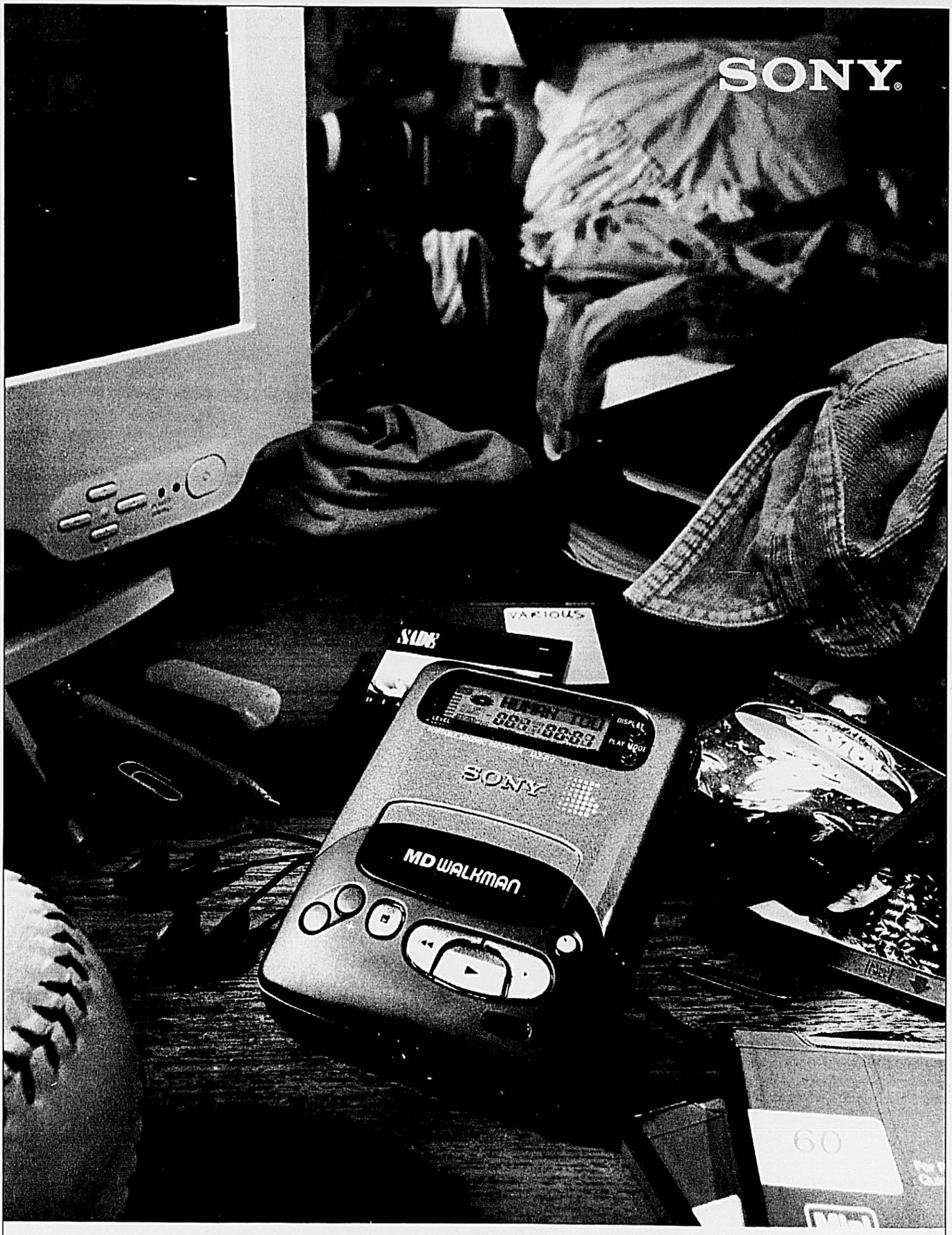
Women

• Feminine is a library service offering resources concerning popular education, literacy women and feminism. 80% of their documentation is in French. 844-3674

• Auberge Shalom is a crisis intervention center for women in abusive situations. 731-0833

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Macleans survey losing support

Four universities pull out of the study

BY ALAN HARI-SINGH AND ANDRE BELLEFEUILLE

TORONTO (CUP) — One by one, universities are pulling out of Maclean's fourth annual ranking of Canadian universities.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), the universities' national lobby group, has recommended that its 87 members not take part in the ranking.

To date, Carleton University, Memorial University, L'Universite de Sherbrooke and the University of Manitoba have refused to participate in this year's survey. McGill University, which consistently ranks at or near the top, has not decided if it will participate this year.

Each November, the Maclean's survey hits the racks. For the last three years, the survey issue has been among the magazine's best sellers ever.

The association says the 50-page survey is flawed because it attempts to explain universities with a single-number ranking.

"As long as they give numbers and continue to rank, we have a problem," said Bob Best, the AUCC's public affairs director.

The survey has also been criticized for assigning different weights to the indicators it finds important, rather than letting the reader decide. Also, universities that don't participate are unfairly penalized by having points automatically taken off in different ranking categories.

"What Maclean's is trying to do is produce something that is commercially attractive, not analytically correct," said Dan Lang, University of Toronto's assistant vice-president.

But Maclean education editor Victor Dwyer said not all universities think the survey is flawed.

"The majority of schools are taking part, so it's not Maclean's on one side and the universities on the other. They may have some problems with it, but they do feel that overall it's fair," Dwyer said.

According to Jeanne Thibault, AUCC chief of media and public relations, how Maclean's collects the points used to rank universities is a mystery.

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The AUCC says Maclean's arbitrarily assigns weight to the data provided to the magazine from the universities. This data includes entrance requirements, class sizes and library acquisitions.

For example, Maclean's will take the average entering grade of a university and will give a higher score to a school with a higher average. The greater the point total, the higher the standing in the survey.

"Composite ranking leaves the impression that in Canada, some universities offer a higher quality of undergraduate education and some do not," Thibault said. "[This] misleads students into thinking that if they don't get into the best-ranked school, then they're not getting a good education."

However, Dwyer defends the magazine's methods. He said that the Maclean's survey exposes the fact that some undergraduate programs are better than others, and that's what angers the AUCC.

"We're not creating differences; we're just showing them. We've looked at 22 things that we think indicate the quality of the school, and all we're saying is here they are, take a look at it and decide for yourself," Dwyer said.

It is an odd time for the AUCC to pull out this year, as Maclean's will be showing the raw data in the issue, Dwyer said.

The AUCC decided instead to endorse Saturday Night magazine's University Planner.

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Radio station survives right-wing attacks

OTTAWA (CUP) A Carleton University community radio station did not propagate hatred against Catholics and will be allowed to operate, a recent Canadian Radio, Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) ruling said.

Local conservative groups had asked for CKCU's broadcasting licence to be revoked for "abusing the public airwaves." The Canadian Christian Women's Organization for Life filed a complaint July 7, saying that one day of programming had been "offensive" and "nauseating."

CKCU had broadcast a six-and-a-half-hour program titled *Stonewall 25* on June 26, which consisted of panel discussions with members of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community, poetry and short story readings, and live phone-in discussions on notions of community, diversity and the family. The event commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, when police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York.

The raid sparked five days of rioting and has since become a symbol of solidarity for the lesbian, gay and bisexual rights movement. The radio station included disclaimers before and during the broadcast, warning listeners that the programming would be explicit and to turn their radios off if they didn't approve.

Christian Women's Organizaiton member Rita Curley, claimed in the complaint that the program could have a negative influence on children. "If we could unintentionally tune in to this degrading, obscene program, our greatest concern is that children could have the same misfortune," she wrote.

In her letter to the CRTC, Curley singled out the song, 'You Suck', by the Yeastie Girls, which describes oral sex in detail. The song includes lyrics like: "... you tell me its gross to suck my yeast infection/ How do you think I feel when I gag on your erection?"

Robert Eady, a member of the Catholic Civil Rights League, says he also sent a complaint to the CRTC about Stonewall 25. Since 1992, Eady has launched several complaints against CKCU's LBG program, Defiant Voices.

"['You Suck'] is disgusting and has no place on the airwaves," Eady said.

But CKCU station manager Max Wallace said the playing of the song was justified because it was "contextualized within the programming."

In a letter responding to the complaint, Wallace said, "The music which was played on the day, including the song, 'You Suck', which you refer to, certainly dealt with the issues being discussed and was not gratuitously offensive."

Wallace insisted that the station's programming is within the limits of the Broadcasting Act, which regulates all Canadian broadcast media. CRTC Secretary General Allan Darling agreed in a letter written to Eady.

"The Act clearly does not give the commission the power to censor programming... The commission will continue to take into account the guaranteed right of freedom of expression contained in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms."

However, the CRTC renewed CKCU's licence for four years, not the usual seven, because a malfunction in the station's logger machine last winter meant that some shows were not taped, as required.

Volute released on CD-ROM

BY CHRIS MIDGLEY

The editors of Concordia's fine arts magazine *Volute* have broadened their boundaries in their latest issue. They have moved from the page to the computer screen, becoming the first undergraduate magazine to utilize the benefits of CD-ROM.

Editor in chief Christopher Kuilman attributes the idea to Raz Schionning and Joanna Berzowska, who originally started the project as an independent study.

"The idea was presented at an editors meeting in December and we were very unsure about the whole thing," said Kuilman. "[However], over the last nine months they proved us wrong and we are very excited now that it's finally here."

Not surprisingly its arrival came at no small cost. "Even with partial sponsorship from Apple and Adobe, students had to rally, without university help, to come up with money for hardware and software," said Kuilman.

The main purpose of the CD is to "give the artist a chance to really manipulate the environment," said Kuilman. He added that "it is very hard to present the performing arts on the page. The CD-ROM lets the magazine represent theatre, dance, and song in a whole new way." The artist has more freedom and the reader interacts more intimately with the works.

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